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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION MEMBERS

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1. MISSION WELCOMES VISIT BY FARM BUREAU GROUP. WE HAVE APPROACHED MEMBERS OF THE CABINETS OF BOTH GUNDELACH (DG VI, AGRICULTURE) AND HAFERKAMP (DG I - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS) AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR ALLAN GRANT AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FARM BUREAU TEAM DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 21 TO MARCH 30. GUNDELACH'S STAFF WAS EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO SET A TENTATIVE DATE FOR A MEETING WITHIN THIS PERIOD BECAUSE THEY FEAR THAT GUNDELACH WILL BE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE ANNUAL EC PRICE FIXING EXERCISE AT THAT TIME. ALTHOUGH NO MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS IS AS YET FIXED FOR THIS PERIOD, IT IS GENERALLY EXPECTED THAT FINAL DECISION ON THE 1977/78 PRICE PACKAGE WILL BE TAKEN SOMETIME NEAR THE END OF MARCH. THE COMMISSION WILL BE TRYING VERY HARD TO REACH

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DECISION BEFORE APRIL 1 WHEN THE NEW MARKETING YEAR FOR BEEF AND DAIRY WILL BEGIN. GUNDELACH'S STAFF SUGGESTS THAT THE FARM BUREAU CHIEF DISCUSS DATE IN HIS MEETING WITH GUNDELACH IN WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 23 OR 24, AT WHICH TIME PLANS WITH RESPECT TO MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS SHOULD BE CLEARER. WE ENDORSE THIS SUGGESTION. HAFERKAMP IS CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN AND HIS STAFF WAS UNABLE TO INDICATE TO US A DATE

WHEN HE WOULD DEFINITELY BE AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, THEY INDICATED HE WILL DEFINITELY NOT BE AVAILABLE ON MARCH 24-25 WHEN HE WILL BE ATTENDING EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN ROME.

2. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE QUESTION WITH HAFERKAMP'S STAFF, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING IF THE FARM BUREAU GROUP HAS COME TO ANY FURTHER DECISIONS ON THE PRECISE DATES THEY WILL BE IN BRUSSELS. HINTON

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